

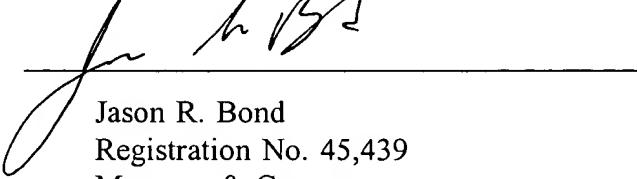
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Claims 1, 25, and 26-45 are pending in the present case. In the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, the Examiner asserted that newly added Claims 26-45 necessitated a species election between IL-5, IL-4, IL-10, IFN gamma, and IL-2 arguing that these cytokines have different amino acid sequences and are functionally distinct. Applicants respectfully disagree with this restriction requirement. Nonetheless, Applicants hereby elect, for initial examination of Claims 26-45, the species wherein the detected cytokine is IL-5. The relevant Claims for this species are Claims 26, 27, 32-35, 40 and 41.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (618) 218-6900.

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